New State Budget Includes $20 Million in Operational Support for Ohio’s DV Programs

The Ohio Domestic Violence Network is committed to ensuring that all domestic violence programs across Ohio have the resources they need to support survivors and engage in community advocacy. With the announcement of a $20 million increase in the state budget, a significant new investment in state funding for domestic violence programs, we are one step closer to ensuring that all survivors have access to the help and resources they need. This funding will be crucial in supporting programs across Ohio to provide the necessary support and care to survivors and their families.

ODAV and OAESF Staffers Advocate on Capitol Hill for Increased Funding for Services

In partnership with the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence, OAVC and OAESF staffers recently traveled to Washington DC to meet with representatives and engage in advocacy efforts. This trip was an opportunity to highlight the critical need for increased funding for domestic violence services and domestic violence research on Capitol Hill. During meetings with House and Senate aides, the advocates stressed the important role that funding plays in supporting survivors and families affected by domestic violence. The state budget includes sufficient funding to meet current housing, legal, medical, emotional, safety, and other essential needs.

Steffie L. Davis and Mary York hosted meetings with staff for both the Senate and House of Representatives, including Phil Trautman, Mike Long, Matti Bandyk, and Tanisha Crayton. Staffers discussed the critical need for increased funding and the importance of ongoing advocacy efforts to ensure that survivors have access to the support they need.

Thank You to Our Funders!

The City of Columbus: For $500,000 to fund our direct assistance hotel program. The funding from the 2020-21 grant program will serve survivors in Columbus who must stay in hotel rooms because our member programs lack the capacity to serve them.

Longaberger Family Foundation: For $5,000 to support legislative advocacy work.